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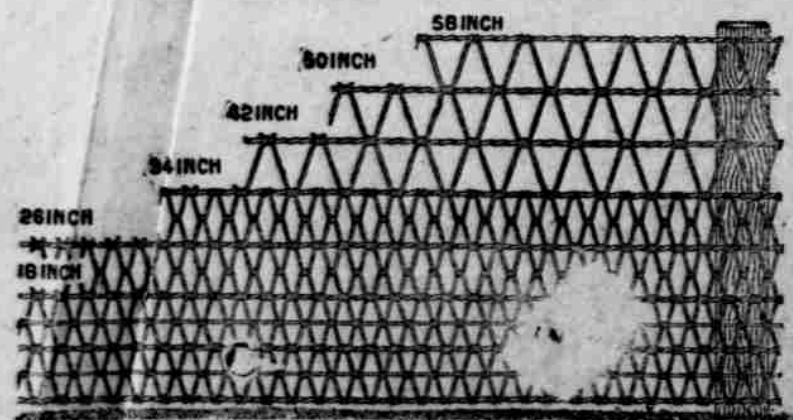
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## TIMELY BREVITIES

Chicago produces more steel rails than any other city on earth.

Jerusalem has evicted its dogs and introduced the latest sanitary devices. In the point of wealth, Japan ranks seventh among the nations of the world.

Victoria, B. C., is building an addition to its parliament buildings to cost \$1,000,000.

Germany's fresh water pearl fisheries in the White Elster are threatened with extinction.

Both in England and in Canada the cheese supply is short this year because of the summer drought.

Two Paris department stores use storage battery driven electric bicycles to deliver purchases to customers.

Of 811 Indians trained at Hampton institute 87 per cent are known to be profitably employed in various lines.

Sumatra is famous the world over for its cigar wrappers and tobacco plantations have spread to neighboring isles.

German engineers have perfected a machine for weighing locomotives which provides separate scales for each wheel.

The Brazilian state of Amazonas won the chief prize for the best exhibit in the recent international rubber exhibition at London.

All of Switzerland's glaciers are receding perceptibly, one notable one having shrunk more than 1,000 feet in the last ten years.

Pineapple fiber, while not quite past the experimental stage, is considered in the far east a promising commercial factor of the future.

The cry is now for the individual drinking cups. In Queen Elizabeth's time every guest at a banquet brought his own spoon with him.

Of the nineteen mines producing quicksilver in the United States last year fifteen were in California and two each in Texas and Nevada.

Because alms boxes in Westminster cathedral in London were often robbed at night bulldozers are now placed on guard in the church after dark.

In order to handle automobiles easily several railroads have adopted a new style of freight car having doors the full width and height of the car.

The public debt of the United States, which was \$83,000,000 in 1890, reached \$2,675,000,000 less cash in treasury in 1895, and the figures in 1911 were \$1,015,000,000.

About 250,000 immigrants are turned back every year by the immigration officials of this country. To guard the ports and boundaries against those whom the law forbids entry the government employs nearly 2,000 trained men.

Spain is considered by art collectors a lucrative field, and many interesting antiques are picked up here from time to time. Seville has numerous shops where antiques are sold and where the old Spanish needlework may be purchased.

The largest telephone exchange in existence is that at Hamburg, which is taking care of 40,000 lines at present, but accommodations have been made for future extensions so that this exchange will be enabled to take care of twice as many lines.

The New York city fire department has the biggest fire engine in the world. Both its motive power and the power for driving its pumps are furnished by gasoline, and it is capable of pumping 1,000 gallons of water a minute on 200 pounds pressure. It weighs more than five tons.

The new French hot air balloon carries a ring of kerosene burners to give a constant and easily regulated supply of heated air. It does not quickly cool like the ordinary hot air balloon, and, unlike the gas balloon, it has no gas to explode and can be inflated anywhere and at small expense.

Boundaries are now being located for one of the greatest game preserves in the world in western Canada. It will be owned by the government and will take in practically all the east slope of the Canadian Rockies, extending north and south for 500 miles and will average more than thirty miles in width.

Another historic old landmark has passed. A storm recently felled the tree near Nederhemert, under which Floris L. count of Holland, was peacefully sleeping after the battle of Nederhemert in 1061 when he was treacherously murdered by Herman van Kyk. The tree was believed to be over a thousand years old.

Ellen Terry says in her lecture on Shakespeare's women that when man writers draw a good woman they draw a silly one. Helena in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Julia in "Two Gentlemen of Verona" she characterizes as doormat women. Miss Terry considers Imogen the loveliest of the characters of Shakespeare.

It is said that Miss Christabel Pankhurst took up the cause of woman suffrage in England because she was not allowed to practice law, although she had passed successfully all the examinations. She has proved so successful as a leader in the suffrage movement that she would no doubt have made an excellent lawyer.

William H. Bright, who has been connected with the government printing office in Washington, introduced the first bill for woman suffrage that was ever introduced in any legislature in this country. He was elected to the legislature when Wyoming was admitted to the Union, and one of his first acts was to introduce the bill. He has lived in Washington for the last twenty-three years.

## IN THE REALM OF FASHION

### Velvet Street Dress.

The sketch shows a velvet suit with a faint self stripe and trimmings of satin. In beech brown it forms the



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most ideal and fashionable type of suit, especially when cut and fitted with perfection.

### Evening Gowns.

Old gold is one of the favorite colors for evening.

Dresses of tulle and silk mail, with flowered borders, are charming for debutante frocks.

White tulle is used extensively for blouses, chemisettes and entire gowns.

Many evening frocks of chiffon are trimmed with lace flounces and tiny sprays and knots of silk or velvet flowers.

Dressy frocks of satin show narrow pointed trains or square or rounded trains quite separate from the rest of the skirt.

Evening frocks of tulle or delicate lace—the flounces touched with crystal—are worn under extremely short chiffon tunics, edged with fringe.

## MANY BUTTONS TRIM THE SEASON'S GOWNS

Of Odd Shapes and Are Often Used in Freakish Fashion.

Buttons for gowns, coats and suits form an important part of the well ordered toilet.

While in some instances buttons are used with profusion, they are placed in such a way as not to seem ornate. For instance, upon a handsome gown small buttons covered with the same fabric as the gown itself were set closely together from the shoulder seams on each side to the hem of the skirt in the back. Although many dozens were thus employed, the effect was one of simplicity.

A strange freak is that of using two kinds of buttons upon the same tailored suit. In most instances the buttons are dissimilar as to material and size. The utility buttons are small, and the larger ones are simply for ornament.

The use of wooden button molds is on the increase. Some are made in oval, lozenge shape and even square as well as in the shape of a half bullet. It is the fad to cover these with handwork of some kind. Silk, satin or velvet is often used and is frequently embellished with silk embroidery or cording or metallic lace work.

An odd use for buttons has appeared in millinery, where—upon some of the most expensive of imported hats—a large button covered with Irish crochet in rainbow tints is seen as the center of a ribbon or chiffon flower of a modest shade.

The use of white pearl buttons upon dark serge or other mannish goods is an innovation of the French dressmakers. Not for use are these buttons, in most cases, but as trimming, set closely along the edge of revers or upon cuffs or flares. Even china buttons have thus been employed by some of the most original makers.

Small and large buttons, made of white cotton thread, closely crocheted, are now in fashion. They are placed on blouses, on one piece frocks, on top wraps, in every size.

Buttons to be fashionable should be either very large or very small.

### Reversible Fabrics.

Reversible materials are much used for the long mantles which are so practical. The favorite colors are gold and white, gray and mauve, currant and red, blue and chamolite, bottle green and peacock green, otter and rosewood moss green and violet and black and light gray.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY

### Proved Friendship.

The affairs of the firm were in such a bad way that the creditors met to take action, and the head of the firm was in consultation. He had this to observe:

"I owe you all a lot of money which I cannot pay now. But look at my orders! If I can keep going for six months you will get your money. If you close me up you will hardly get a nickel on the dollar. Give me six months longer and I will give you notes at 5 per cent. What will it be—bankruptcy or a chance for all of us to pull out?"

The creditors conferred in secret, agreed to take the notes and made the announcement. They had put on their hats and coats and were walking out when one of them got the high sign from the merchant.

He lagged behind and said, "What is it?"

"You have always been a good friend of mine," whispered the merchant. "I am not ungrateful, and I want to tell you something if you will keep it to yourself—I'll make you a preferred creditor."

"How can you do that?"

"You're the first one to know that the notes won't be any good."—Chicago Post.

### Getting Her on Record.

"Am I the only man you ever loved?" he asked.

"Yes," she sighed.

"There is no rich man whom you ever cared to marry?" he persisted.

"No rich man I would marry," she said.

"Or no rich man you might marry if you chose?"

"No, but why do you ask these questions?"

"I just want to get you on record before our wedding, so that afterward you won't be forever pointing out wealthy men to me as samples of what you might have had."—Detroit Free Press.

### In Accord.

Very frequently the winter highways in the Yukon valley are mere trails, traversed only by dog sledges. One of the bishops in Alaska, who was very fond of that mode of travel, encountered a miner coming out with his dog team and stopped to ask him what kind of a road he had come over.

The miner responded with a stream of forcible and picturesque profanity, winding up with:

"And what kind o' trail did you have?"

"Same as yours," replied the bishop feelingly.—Lippincott's.

### Useless.

"I will go out with you," she said, "if you will promise not to rock the boat."

"Never mind," he sadly replied; "we will not go. If you think I'm fool enough to do that without being warned not to it will be useless for me to waste any more time with you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Unlucky.

The First Chauffeur—I ran over another baby this morning.

The Second Chauffeur—Phew! That was unlucky!

The First Chauffeur—Yes, rotten! Their darned feedin' bottles cut the tires up so!—London Sketch.

### Safe.

"Why," asked the boss of the drug store, "do you want a red nosed man for the soda water trade?"

"I could feel sure that he would not drink up the profits," explained the manager.—Buffalo Express.

### Memorized.

"Quite poetical, that Mr. Brown. He always addresses me as 'fair lady.'"

"Oh, that's force of habit. He used to be a street car conductor, you know."—Toledo Blade.

### Insinuations.

He—Miss Gladys, I have something on my mind.

She—Oh, I see! There's a fly on your bald spot.—Baltimore American.

### The Latest.

Diner—A creme de menthe, waiter. Waiter (calling out)—One starboard light.—Boston Transcript.

### A Long Felt Want.

"I would make me glad if we but had

A more elastic currency.

The kind we've got

It stretches not—

At least it stretches not for me.

Give us a "bit"

So made that it

Will be so full of tensile oil

That when we slip

It is a tip

We'll duly gain from the recoil.

A rubber dime

At luncheon time,

If it would stretch to quarter size,

Would suit my whim

Beneath a grim

Head walter's avaricious eyes.

Give us a five

That's so alive,

So springy and resilient,

That when we lend

It to a friend

It will return whence it has went.

A silver ounce

So full of bounce

That it will make a dollar shy

Mount high enough

To pay for stuff

A silver dollar ought to buy.

And as I say,

"Hurry,

For him who'll take our treasury

And give us soon

That needed boon,

A more elastic currency!"

—Century.

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Keep the farm clean

A great feature of good farming is cleanliness—good clean culture; the destruction of weeds; the removal of crop remnants as soon as the crop is done; picking up and, if need be, destroying dropped fruit in orchards; removing, burning up and otherwise thoroughly annihilating all rubbish to be found on the ground in winter; keeping building painted or whitewashed in good shape.

Allow no rubbish, weeds or shrubbery to appear by the fences, and in all other respects have the farm as bare as possible of every thing save what strictly belongs there.

The object of all of this is to do away with possible hiding places for insects during the winter. A large proportion of insects live through the winter in the adult stage or in the partly grown condition, and a great many of them hide under rubbish.

Sometime they are just a short distance below the surface of the ground among the roots; sometimes they crawl into crevices of fences, logs, or of boards wherever, in fact, there is an opening for them to get into as a tree with rough bark, covered with moss, lichens or others unnecessary growth.—Homed Farm.